



State of California  
Department of Fish and Game  
Ocean Salmon Project - Marine Region



## 2003 Commercial Ocean Salmon Regulations (Effective May 1, 2003)

### OR/CA Border to Humboldt South Jetty:

- ◆ Sept 1 - 30 or 10,000 salmon quota
- all salmon except coho
- possession & landing limit of 40 salmon per day
- all salmon caught must be landed within area and within 24 hrs of any closure of the fishery
- minimum size limit: 26 inches total length (TL)
- Klamath Control Zone closed (12 mile square centered on Klamath River mouth)

### Horse Mountain to Point Arena:

- ◆ May 1 - 31
- all salmon except coho
- minimum size limit: 26 inches TL
- ◆ July 3-14
- all salmon except coho
- possession & landing limit of 150 salmon per day
- all salmon caught must be landed within area and within 24 hrs of any closure of the fishery
- minimum size limit: 26 inches TL
- ◆ July 18 - September 30
- all salmon except coho
- minimum size limit: 26 inches TL

### Point Arena to Pigeon Point:

- ◆ May 1 - September 30
- all salmon except coho
- minimum size limit: 26 inches TL

### Pigeon Point to U.S. - Mexico Border:

- ◆ May 1 - September 30
- all salmon except coho
- minimum size limit: 26 inches TL



### Central Valley Fall Fishery

#### Point Reyes to Point San Pedro:

- ◆ Oct 1 - 3; Oct 6 - 10; Oct 13 - 17
- all salmon except coho
- minimum size limit: 26 inches TL

## General Commercial Regulations

- **Single point, single shank barbless hooks are required.**
- **No more than 6 lines are allowed per vessel.**
- **Compliance with minimum size or other special restrictions:** All salmon on board a vessel must meet the minimum size or other special requirements for the area being fished and the area in which they are landed if that area is open. Salmon may be landed in an area that is closed only if they meet the minimum size and other special requirements for the area in which they were caught AND it is not otherwise prohibited in the regulations.
- **Transit through closed area with salmon on board:** It is unlawful for a vessel to have troll gear in the water while transiting any area closed to salmon fishing while possessing salmon.
- **Barbless circle hooks<sup>1</sup> required when fishing with bait and fishing by any means other than trolling<sup>2</sup>**
  1. A **CIRCLE HOOK** is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90-degree angle.
  2. **TROLLING** is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.